



June 14, 2021

The Honorable Doug Ford

Premier of Ontario

Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park

Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

RE: THE ALIGNMENT OF THE YONGE NORTH SUBWAY EXTENSION (5.14)

Dear Premier;

This will confirm that at a meeting held on June 8, 2021 the Markham City Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, the Yonge North Subway Extension is a priority project in the Province of Ontario's Transit Plan and is York Region's Top Transit priority, and,

Whereas, a capital cost funding commitment by the Federal government on May 11, 2021 means the project is now fully funded by all three levels of government, and,

Whereas, the Environmental Assessment for a Yonge Street alignment for the 8-kilometre route from the Toronto Transit Commission's Finch Subway Station to the end-of-the-line in the Langstaff Gateway/Richmond Hill Centre included extensive public consultation and was approved by the Province of Ontario in 2009, and,

Whereas, Markham Council has endorsed York Region Rapid Transit Corporation's Environmental Assessment that recommends a Yonge Street subway alignment, and,

Whereas, of the three potential alignments explored by Metrolinx as outlined in their Initial Business Case confirms that Options 1 and 2, each with a Yonge Street alignment, provide greater benefits in terms of individual Vehicle Kilometres Travelled and the number of people who will use transit during morning rush hour in 2041 than Option 3, and,

Whereas, there is statistically no difference among the three Options in terms of Benefit Cost Ratio and total Capital Costs as outlined in Metrolinx's Initial Business Case and Supplementary Analysis which states Option 3 has "a more complex deliverability case", and,

Whereas, Markham Council endorsed a Yonge Street alignment for the subway at its May 28, 2019 meeting indicating "optimizing the Yonge Subway Extension alignment in its own established transportation corridor which is Yonge Street;"

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That, Markham Council reject Metrolinx's proposed Option 3 alignment for the Yonge North Subway Extension, and,
2. That Markham Council requests Metrolinx to pursue the Options 1 or 2 alignment for the Yonge North Subway Extension that adheres to Yonge Street, a major arterial road appropriate for intensification and economic development, and,
3. That any other alternative alignment for Options 1 and 2 considered by Metrolinx be kept on the Yonge Street corridor as much as possible to minimize any impacts to the existing community, and,
4. That once a final recommendation has been determined that all measures be considered including full compensation to any property owner impacted by any proposed alignment, and,
5. That Markham Council requests the Province of Ontario include subway stations for Thornhill at Clark Avenue and Royal Orchard Blvd. in the Yonge North Subway Extension capital project, and,
6. That a copy of this resolution be sent to:
 - Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 - Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation
 - Hon. Kinga Surma, Associate Minister of Transportation
 - Hon. Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure
 - Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation & Parks
 - Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - Hon. Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
 - Hon. Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
 - Phil Verster, President and CEO, Metrolinx
 - John MacKenzie, CEO, Toronto, and Region Conservation Authority
 - Wayne Emmerson, Chairman and CEO, York Region
 - Chris Raynor, Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of York
 - Stephen Huycke, City Clerk, City of Richmond Hill
 - Council of the City of Vaughan
 - Council of the City of Richmond Hill
 - All Members of Federal Parliament in the Regional Municipality of York
 - All Members of Provincial Parliament in the Regional Municipality of York; and,
 - All Members of Regional Council in the Regional Municipality of York.

Should you have any questions, please contact Darryl Lyons at DLyons@markham.ca.



Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

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